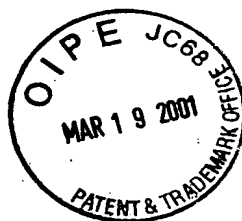


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:
Henryk LUBON, *et al.*
Serial No. 08/982,284



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Group Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: M. Wilson

Filed: December 21, 1997

For: Methods For The Degradation And Detoxification Of Organic Material Using Urine Produced By Transgenic Animals And Related Transgenic Animals And Proteins

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed on November 17, 2000 in the above-captioned application. A Petition for a one-month extension of time with the requisite fee is enclosed to extend the time to respond to March 17, 2001, which is a Saturday, thus making March 19, 2001, the due date for this response, which is within the statutory period. Should such a request or any fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to charge the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.18 to Account No. 19-0741. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the application as follows:

45. (Twice amended) A method of producing in the urine of a non-human transgenic animal a protein or a peptide that degrades or detoxifies organic material, said method comprising:

(a) providing a non-human transgenic animal having stably integrated into its genome an exogenous gene encoding a protein or peptide that degrades or detoxifies organic material

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